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1. Claims 4 and 13 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising a first elastomeric material comprising a polymer selected from polyurethanes, copolyetheresters polyamide polyether block copolymers, ethylene vinyl acetates, block copolymers having general formula A-B-A', A-b, elastomeric A-B-A-B where A and A' are each a thermoplastic polymer end block which contains a styrenic moiety such as a poly (vinyl arene) and where AB is an elastomeric polymer midblock such as a conjugated diene or a lower alkene polymer. Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species, even though this requirement is traversed.

2. Claims 4 and 13 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising a second elastomeric material comprising a polymer selected from polyurethanes, copolyetheresters polyamide polyether block copolymers, ethylene vinyl acetates, block copolymers having general formula A-B-A', A-b, elastomeric A-B-A-B where A and A' are each a thermoplastic polymer end block which contains a styrenic moiety such as a poly (vinyl arene) and where AB is an elastomeric polymer midblock such as a conjugated diene or a lower alkene polymer.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

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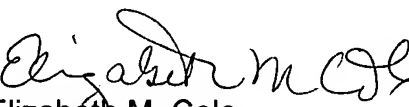
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